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For Immediate Release:

As Tropical Storm Fay moves west toward the Panhandle, residents are bracing for heavy rains and potential flooding this afternoon. Many people are concerned about who to contact for updated travel information regarding the storm.

Please contact the Florida Emergency Information Hotline by calling 1-800-342-3557 to obtain current information regarding Tropical Storm Fay. The 800 number may be used by Florida residents and callers from out of state.

Residents may also contact their local emergency operation centers for additional information.

For real-time traffic and road condition reports, as well as maps and other safety tips, the public is urged to visit the FHP website at www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/. Florida drivers can also call 511 on their cell phone for up-to-the minute updates on traffic congestion, road construction, lane closures, severe weather and travel delays on Interstates and major highways.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles encourages anyone with a valid Florida driver license or identification card to go online to www.flhsmv.gov and enter their emergency contact information. This vital information gives law enforcement immediate access to this information in cases of an emergency, which makes it easier for them to contact a family member or friend.